



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

07/14/04
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PLACEMENTS DOWN 1%

For the week ending July 10, 2004, growers placed 11.8 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 1.1% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.8 million) decreased 1.1% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.7 million, a decrease of 3.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.8 million for the week ending July 03, 2004 compared to 9.9 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
05/15/04	14,586	13,981	12,010	11,535	12,012	11,685
05/22/04	14,875	14,113	11,970	11,317	11,972	11,317
05/29/04	14,532	14,213	12,015	11,467	12,017	11,467
06/05/04	14,542	14,030	12,020	11,558	12,020	11,558
06/12/04	14,461	14,081	12,327	11,702	12,329	11,927
06/19/04	14,498	14,144	12,050	11,734	12,050	11,734
06/26/04	13,881	14,001	12,038	11,602	11,985	11,632
07/03/04	14,065	13,576	11,901	11,648	11,901	11,648
07/10/04	14,283	13,724	11,884	11,751	11,886	11,751

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 07/17/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	83.33	82.79	82.72	59.41
12-City Composite 2/	82.26	83.44	82.12	62.44

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.